



We kicked off 2005 at Dave & June's. Brian got the all-time best sweatshirt, for a dog lover. And Tet made Dave's tension evaporate! Alek and I got matching sweatshirts from you know who.



Alek & Kyle spent a lot of time together this year doing things like cycling and partying, going to the Zoo, and just being guys. Sometimes they even like the same chair.



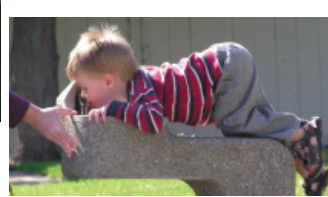
Alek did his flying squirrel routine on the couches at Rich's house during a visit.



Steve & Micky pulled off another terrific Crash & Burn ski week this year in Breckenridge. Alek loved the snow again. Mardi Gras was the costume theme. By the end of the day all I could do was read Alek a bedtime story.



Alek loves trampolines. He got to play in a gymnastics gym nearby the house.



Alek has his own style when it comes to rehydrating at the park fountain near our house.



Alek spends a lot of time in the pool. His mother has interesting taste in swimwear, which didn't seem to bother him at all.



We got to visit with Aunt Vivian down in Santa Cruz and thoroughly watered her tangerine tree and flowers.

When our Viking Princess comes to town it's an event! We went to the coast for one day of the visit.



Grandpa Alan got Alek his first BMW, just like Daddy's!

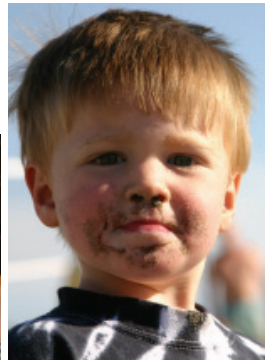


The Kalabacos twins came down for a visit and a swim before heading off to NJ.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
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Our local Princess got engaged, which just thrilled her mother and everyone else.



We took Alek to the beach, which he just ate up - literally!

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We proudly watched the next generation get out of High School with aplomb. Laura is now attending Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.



Grandpa Roy is always good for some reading time.



Kyle got a T-ball set which he shared with Alek one day. Alek did eventually hit the ball, but the MLB hasn't come calling yet.



Alek progressed to the point where aerial tricks are lots of fun, and a solid doggy paddle has been achieved.



We had a delightful and rare visit from Charlotte over the summer.



Ethel had another birthday, well celebrated at the Koss Lake House in the Berkshires. The lake is the big attraction if you're a little guy with a penchant for water and lots of cousins to join in the fun.



The Oroville houseboat trip was a blast. Dan shows his mastery of water skiing.

The annual Tet & Brian birthday bash was accompanied by some really good karaoke.

We had many fine events with June & Mike, and their respective partners.



Eric came for a quick visit, which is always a nice time.



Janel helped Alek figure out the Easter egg hunt at the Kelkenberg's house.



We sailed with Captain Paul & Miss Barbara on the bay. Alek took the wheel for a while, with glee!



David turned 40 and we were there to lend support..



We spent our week at Mammoth. Alek really climbed a lot on everything. And he got his Grandma to spoil him at every chance.



Lisa got married to Phil!! Joe was the guy that did the ceremony, and quite well too. All the usual suspects were there to see it happen. It was a wonderful event, warm, fun, loaded with the kinds of intensely wonderful feeling that everyone hopes to have at a wedding.



Alek had to leave Johnny behind, when he changed schools this year. They were best buddies.



Kari was another of Alek's buddies at the old school. Kari had a birthday which was a lot of fun. They still get to visit every once in a while.





Nancy & Mike got a new house, but that same old Halloween spirit lives on. The couple that Sumos together stays happy together!



Alek and Kyle dressed up pumpkins together for Halloween.



Alek had a bowling party for all the kid-friends when he turned three. He even got a Spiderman cake. Then he put a bow on my head at the adult birthday party. I guess the kid got that party spirit from somewhere.



Grandpa Alan came to visit for some of the birthday festivities. He can get pulled into a good storybook reading too, especially with those June & Dave birthday hats.



The monkey outfit was from the previous Halloween. Somehow it got real popular and was used regularly for a couple of months.



If you thought Halloween is the favorite holiday in our house you'd be right. Alek got attached to the Bettywig wig for some reason.



Alek was a dinosaur for the trick or treating part of Halloween. He roared around the neighborhood picking up candy until he couldn't carry the stuff with his convict parents.



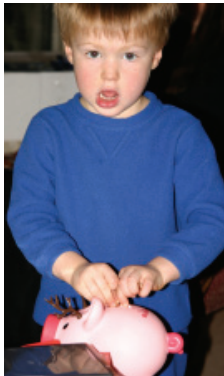
Alek recieved a doctor's costume for his birthday. He like giving me shots in the stomach. Maybe it was all the chocolate that made him think I needed insulin shots.



The annual White Elephant party and Brunch is an annual favorite. Alek tried on the Santa underwear set. Olivia got a Piranha in a chocolate box, which surprised them a lot. And Brian got a white elephant statue at the White Elephant party - a first! Eric was lucky to be in town for the party but he didn't get to keep that nifty cow clock.



Alek jumped kelp with Caroline and Roy at the beach in Carmel over the holidays. Alek got his first ride on Don's wheelchair, which was a really big hit. And for Christmas Alek got his first piggy bank, with antlers of course! He's taken up the habit of searching my pockets for coins whenever the mood strikes..



One of the advantages of being late with the holiday card is that you get to add the holiday pics, including New Year's celebrations at Pete & April's. April is wearing the headdress in the chorus line with Josette and Nancy. Ross and Chantal were there too with many others. Alek was happily enjoying a babysitter which made it possible for Caroline to actually see the New Year come in with me!



So here I am with a small bit of space left and the card almost done, so what do I do? I add a classic Alek food shot. True to his roots he loves bagels with a schmear and lox any time of day. And he likes to wear a good bit of it on his face too.

